BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN

MINUTES

Work Session Meeting
June 21, 2018

Board Auditorium
540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey

The Board of Education held its Public Work Session on Thursday, May 31, 2018 in the Board of Education Auditorium, 540 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mr. Hryczyk, President of the Board.

ROLL CALL:

Present at roll call:
Raymond Hryczyk, President
William J. Meisner, Ed.D.
Joseph Zarra, Interim Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools

Absent at roll call:
Jason Kim
Lawrence Meyerson, Ed.D., Vice President

Also in attendance:
Howard Lerner, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
John Susino, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator
Andrea Sheridan, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Richard Panicucci, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction
William Soukas, Esq., Board Attorney
Gary Hall, Coordinator of Human Resources
Ava Miller, Assistant Board Secretary

All present pledged allegiance to the United States of America.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board of Vocational Education in the County of Bergen has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on a bulletin board prominently displayed in lobby of the Board offices and by: The Record and Herald News.

The district is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer."
PRESENTATIONS

**Partnership with Borough of Fort Lee**
Carol Terrizzi, Principal at the Paramus Campus thanked Dr. Lerner and Asst. Superintendent Andrea Sheridan for their support of the Fort Lee Horticulture project. She introduced Jeremy Wertheim, Assistant Principal who gave details about the project.

This spring a partnership was formed between the Borough of Fort Lee and Bergen County Technical Schools. Councilperson Ila Kasofsky had been working on creating more green space in Fort Lee and expanding access to community gardening opportunities. Asst. Superintendent Andrea Sheridan helped to connect Ila with Bergen Techs Landscape Design technical area, and an undeveloped lot in Fort Lee became the site of a future green space for all to share. The Landscape Design students have created blueprints for the gardens design and will be breaking ground this summer.

**Senior Year at ATHS**

Andrea Sheridan, Assistant Superintendent, spoke to the Board about the Senior Year at the Applied Technology High School at BCC.

This is the first class of seniors that will graduate from ATHS. Ms. Sheridan outlined the activities for the students and how they are preparing for the next step in their education.

**Self-Assessment Grade Report 2016-2017**

Pat Cosgrove presented Self-Assessment Grade Report 2016-2017 School Year (see attached)

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the following Resolutions:

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DISCUSSION—ANY ITEM ON AGENDA—BOARD ONLY

There was no discussion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Richard Perrin, Vice President of DiCarolis Associates, protested the decision of the Board to reject his bid for the Renovation of the Auto Shop to Aerospace Classroom at the Teterboro Campus. His firm was the lowest bidder, however, the bid was rejected based on the total amount of uncompleted contracts for one of his subcontractors. He expressed his concern regarding the form and the paper work that was submitted. He requested the Board reconsider their decision.
ANY ITEM FOR DISCUSSION—BOARD ONLY

Dr. Meisner advised Board President Hryczyk that the Superintendent’s employment contract will be expiring next year. He recommended that a Board committee be established to begin discussions with Dr. Lerner and a new contract. Mr. Hryczyk agreed that the personnel committee chairperson, Dr. Meisner, take the lead on the negotiations with Dr. Lerner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to go into executive session, per the resolution, was made at 5:35 PM by Dr. Meisner second by Mr. Zarra. All members present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION

“Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4–12, certain specified items are exempt from public disclosure and discussion. At this time, the Board of Education intends convene in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters, which fall under the exclusion of pending or anticipated litigation. Therefore, the public portion of this meeting shall now be adjourned. The results of any Board discussion conducted in this private session shall be made public at the earliest possible date.”

A motion to reopen the work session was made at 6:20 pm by Mr. Kim, second by Dr. Meisner. All members present voted in the affirmative.

A motion to close the work session and open the regular meeting was made at 6:20 PM by Dr. Meisner, second by Mr. Zarra. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

John Susino
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of 8/28/18